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For Immediate Release:

EIU GUEST LECTURER TO DISCUSS CHANGES IN AGRICULTURE

CHARLESTON -- The passage of the 1996 Freedom to Farm Act dramatically altered the path of government regulation in agriculture. Consequently, American agriculture is currently experiencing a period of rapid change and growth some criticize and others applaud.

Martin King, agricultural program coordinator at the Illinois Stewardship Alliance, will present a talk on "Changing Conditions in Agriculture" at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, in Eastern Illinois University's Lumpkin Hall, room 017. The presentation will be followed by a period of questions and discussion.

The event is free and open to the public.

King, a Scott County native, worked on a family farm until 1990. After finishing his dissertation at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 1995, he returned to Illinois

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and became active in agricultural outreach programs to assist and inform farmers, providing information about aid and diversification projects. He has written on the subjects of agriculture and environment history.

This event is sponsored by Eastern's Department of Economics and College of Sciences.